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INSCRIBED to the Right Honourable

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I.

SINCE good Maſter *Prior*,
The Tar Water 'Squire,
Without being counted to blame,
Vulgar Patrons has ſcorn'd,
And his Treatiſe adorn'd
With the Luſtre of CHESTERFIELD'S Name.

II.

Great *Mecænas* of Arts!
And of all Men of Parts,
(Tho' they're not much the Growth of this Time)
I hope 'twill be meet,
To lay at your Feet
The ſame lofty Subject in Rhime.

III.

Then come, let us ſing;
Death, a Fig for thy Sting!
I think we ſhall ſerve thee a Trick;
For the Biſhop of *Cloyne*
Has at laſt laid a Mine,
That will blow up both thee, and Old Nick.

IV.

Have but Faith in his Treatiſe,
Tho' you've Stone, Diabetes,
Gout, or Fever, Tar Water 's ſpecifick;
If you're coſtive, 'twill work;
If you purge, 'tis a Cork;
And, if old, it will make you prolifick.

V.

All ye Fair ones who lie ſick,
Leave off Doctors and Phyſick,
Tar Water will cure all your Ails;
Have you Rheums or Defluxions,
Or Whims, or Obſtructions,
It will ſet right your Heads, and your Tails.

VI.

See each tall ſlender Maid
Now lifts up her Head,
Like a beautiful Fir on the Mountain!
While ſalubrious flow,
*From a Fiſſure below,
The Streams of a Turpentine Fountain.

VII.

Each Nymph from afar
Is ſo ſcented with Tar,
That, unleſs they 're permitted to feel,
All the Devils in Hell
(So alike is the Smell)
Can't know a ----- from a Cart Wheel.

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* Turpentine, the principal Ingredient in Tar, is thus extracted from the Fir Tree.

VIII.

Great Phyſician of State!
(Tho' call'd in ſo late
To a truly well meant Conſultation)
In this Fever of War,
Like the Spirit of Tar,
Thy Skill muſt preſerve this poor Nation.

IX.

Tho' now quite exhauſted,
Her Vitals all waſted,
She's as meagre, and weak, as a Lath;
Yet we hope, that Thy Art
Will recover each Part,
Without the Aſſiſtance of *BATH.*

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VIII.

Great Privilegium of Senate.

(To, could in to late

To a fully [illegible] Quorum Constitution)

In this Legacy of Wat,

Like the Spirit of Tar,

The Skill would prejudge this book Nation.